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FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF AMENDMENT TO CRIMINAL
CODE, DIRECTED AGAINST THOSE WHO SLANDER THE STATE
ABROAD OR THROUGH FOREIGNERS IN ROK (REFTEL). ALSO
TRANSLATED IS THE INTRODUCTION TO THE BILL GIVING
GOVERNMENT JUSTIFICATION FOR THE AMENDMENT. BEGIN QUOTE:

A. REASONS FOR PROPOSAL

HAVING OBSERVED RECENT REMARKS AND ACTIONS OF SOME PEOPLE
WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE ROK, WE HAVE FOUND THAT THEY,
OBSESSED BY FLUNKYISM WHICH IS OUR HISTORICAL DISEASE,
WERE TAKING AN EXCESSIVELY SERVILE ATTITUDE TOWARD
ALIEN INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS. MOREOVER, THEY
DEFAMED OR INSULTED THE ROK AND THE STATE ORGANS
ESTABLISHED BY THE CONSTITUTION. THEY FREQUENTLY EMPLOYED
OPPORTUNIST POLICIES TO DEFAME THE STATE BY VARIOUS MEANS
SUCH AS DISTORTING THE TRUTH OR SPREADING "FALSE FACTS."

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SOMETIMES THEY PLOTTED TO CUT FRIENDLY TIES WITH

FRIENDLY NATIONS, AND WORST THEY FREQUENTLY DAMAGED OR CAUSED FEAR OF DAMAGE TO THE SECURITY, INTEREST OR PRESTIGE OF THE STATE BY EMPLOYING WORDS AND ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT ENDANGER OUR INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY BY GAINING BACKING FROM FOREIGN FORCES.

WITH THIS IN VIEW, WE ARE INTENDING TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL CODE IN ORDER TO PUNISH SUCH OPPORTUNISTS DEBASING THE STATE; TO ROOT OUT CHRONIC DISEASE, FLUNKYISM; TO ENHANCE SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS AND PRIDE AS CITIZENS OF AN INDEPENDENT STATE, AND TO PROMOTE NATIONAL MORALS AND ETHICS, SO THAT NATIONAL SECURITY, INTEREST AND DIGNITY MAY BE MAINTAINED.

B. CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENTS

(1) A PERSON WHO INSULTS OR SLANDERS, FROM ABROAD, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INAUGURATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION, OR SPREADS DISTORTED OR FALSE FACTS ABOUT THE STATE OF THE AGENCIES, OR HARMS OR MAY HARM THE SAFETY, INTEREST OR PRESTIGE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA BY OTHER MEANS SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH IMPRISONMENT OR CONFINEMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS.

THE SAME PUNISHMENT SHALL BE GIVEN TO A PERSON WHO, AT HOME, COMMITS THE SAME ACTS MENTIONED ABOVE UTILIZING FOREIGNERS OR FOREIGN GROUPS.

(2) IN THE FIRST CASE, SUSPENSION OF CIVIL RIGHTS FOR NOT MORE THAN TEN YEARS CAN BE ADDED TO THE PUNISHMENT. END QUOTE.
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